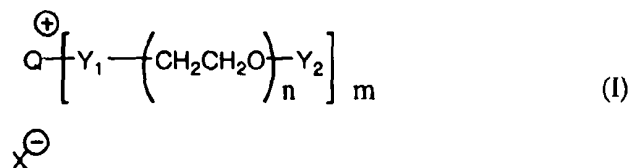


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

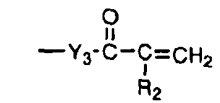
**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A polymerizable molten salt monomer represented by the following general formula (I):



wherein Q represents an imidazole;  $\text{Y}_1$  represents a ~~divalent interlocking group~~  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$  or a bonding hand;  $\text{Y}_2$  represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group; n represents an integer of from 2 to 20; m represents an integer of from 2 to 5;  $\text{X}^\ominus$  represents an anion; plural  $\text{Y}_1$ 's and plural  $\text{Y}_2$ 's may be the same or different, respectively, with the proviso that at least one of  $\text{Y}_2$ 's has a ~~polymerizable~~ the ~~substituent group~~



wherein  $\text{R}_2$  is hydrogen or alkyl, and

$\text{Y}_3$  is oxygen; and

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a plurality of the compounds of the general formula (I) may be connected to each other at Q or Y<sub>2</sub> to form a dimer, trimer or tetramer.

2-6. (canceled).

7. (currently amended): The polymerizable molten salt monomer according to Claim 1, wherein X<sup>-</sup> in the general ~~formulae~~ formula (I) ~~to (III)~~ is a halogen anion, an amide anion or a fluoride anion containing at least one element selected from the group consisting of boron (B), phosphorus (P) and sulfur (S).

8. (currently amended): The polymerizable molten salt monomer according to Claim 1, wherein X<sup>-</sup> in the general ~~formulae~~ formula (I), ~~and (III)~~ is an iodine anion.

9-14. (canceled).